

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/14/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-4, 7-13 and 15, renumbered as 1-10.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicants' amendments and arguments, see amendment, filed on 9/14/2005, with respect to Claims 1-15 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35U.S.C.103/112 rejections have been withdrawn. None of the previously cited reference teaches the Claims 3-4, 7-13 and 15.

Claim 1-2, 5-6 and 14 had been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 3-4, 7-13 and 15 are allowed.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art along or in combination fails to teach or make obvious the limitations comprising:

“a transfer clock generator, responsive to the system clock, generating a transfer clock at a high rate relative to the system clock; and a parallel to serial register, for dividing an input word into a plurality of smaller words and transmitting them over corresponding serial sub-links in response to the transfer clock wherein the

transmitter is initialized by sending one or more bit alignment code words" as recited in the independent claim 3.

"a plurality of serial to parallel registers coupled to corresponding serial sub-links, for converting received serial data words from the sub-links into parallel form; and, a clock generator, responsive to the received data, for generating a low speed clock with a frequency nominally equal to the system clock wherein a buffer memory for each sub-link for storing a predetermined number of received words; and a circuit for reading the buffer memories in synchronism under control of the system clock in order to reconstitute the input data word" as recited in the independent claim 7, and

"a plurality of serial to parallel registers coupled to corresponding serial sub-links, for converting received serial data words from the sub-links into parallel form; and, a clock generator, responsive to the received data, for generating a low speed clock with a frequency nominally equal to the system clock wherein the low speed clock generator includes an edge detector for detecting incoming data and providing an output to a divider for aligning the low speed clock with recovered data and for applying the same to the serial to parallel register for clocking out parallel words from the register" as recited in the independent claim 11.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Chang whose telephone number is (571) 272-3129. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Ngo can be reached on (571) 272-3139. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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